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### 9/11 Anniversary

1. Today, our Nation marks the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attack on the United States now known around the world simply as "9/11." On that day in the course of a few minutes, this country and the world were forever changed. For many, it is still difficult to look back to that terrible day and to the subsequent actions that our country has taken without a deep sense of tremendous loss...loss of life...loss of peace...loss of security. Though we cannot erase the memory or pain initiated by that historic event, we can find comfort in knowing that we came together as one Nation in the wake of that disaster and focused our attention on defeating the terrorist groups that declared war on the United States and our way of life. Today, we remember the men and women who not only gave their lives on that fateful day, but also the service members and civilians who have died defending that freedom since 9/11. We honor their sacrifice and their devotion to duty.

2. America has entered a great struggle that tests our strength, and even more our resolve. Our enemy consists of transnational extremist organizations, networks and individuals who have one thing in common—they exploit radical fundamentalism and use terrorism for ideological purposes. The United States and its coalition partners are committed to fighting and winning the Global War on Terrorism as long as it takes. We will prevail and our children and grandchildren will be the benefactors.

3. I want to thank all the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Department of Defense Civilians, Contractors and Family Members of US Forces Korea for your continued commitment to the defense of our country and to the Republic of Korea. The responsibility to protect our Nation has never been greater. Thank you for your patriotism, your dedication, and your unwavering service to our country.

We Go Together!

B. B. BELL  
General, US Army  
Commander

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